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1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. PRIME MINISTER-DESIGNATE FAUSTIN TWAGIRAMUNGU
CALLED ME 11:00 A.M., 1/26, TO HIS OFFICE FOR A QUICK
BRIEFING. THE BRIEFING TURNED INTO AN HOUR AND A
HALF DISCUSSION OF BEHIND-THE-SCENES MANEUVERING OVER
THE LAST WEEKEND (REFTEL). THE SUM OF HIS
PRESENTATION WAS THAT HE HAD NEARLY WORKED OUT A DEAL
ON THE QUESTION OF DEPUTIES' LISTS, AND WAS

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REFLECTING ON HOW TO BROADEN HIS CABINET. HOWEVER, THIS MORNING HE SENSED NEW HESITANCY ON THE PRESIDENT'S PART AND WAS NOT SURE HE HAD FULL PATRIOTIC FRONT SUPPORT.

3. THE PRIME MINISTER-DESIGNATE SAID HE HAD MET SEVERAL TIMES WITH LIBERAL PARTY (PL) PRESIDENT MUGENZI, URGING ACCEPTANCE OF PL'S SEPTEMBER ELECTED LIST OF DEPUTIES AS THE STARTING POINT OF DISCUSSIONS. THE QUESTION THEN WAS TO DEAL WITH ELECTION IRREGULARITIES. ACCORDING TO TWAGIRAMUNGU, HE YESTERDAY SECURED SUPPORT OF MUGENZI'S PL OPPONENT, MINISTER OF SOCIAL AFFAIRS LANDOALD NDASINGWA AND ACQUIESCENCE FROM THE PATRIOTIC FRONT.

4. THE PRIME MINISTER-DESIGNATE THOUGHT THE PRESIDENCY SUPPORTED HIS GENERAL APPROACH; PRESIDENTIAL COUNSELOR RUHIGIRA HAD URGED HIM TO TRY TO PULL THE WHOLE PACKAGE TOGETHER BY TODAY SO THAT A
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SWEARING-IN COULD BE ON THE 2BTH, DEMOCRACY DAY. BUT WHEN TWAGIRAMUNGU REPORTED BACK HIS SUCCESSES TO MUGENZI THIS MORNING, MUGENZI BEGAN TO BACK AWAY, CITING THE PRESSURE FROM THE PRESIDENCY AND THE PRESIDENT'S PARTY.

5. I REMINDED THE PRIME MINISTER OF THE U.S. POSITION THAT ALL PARTIES SHOULD COOPERATE, IMPLEMENT THE ACCORDS AND GET A GOVERNMENT ESTABLISHED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. IF MOVING TOWARDS AN AMENDED SEPTEMBER PL LIST FOR DEPUTIES COULD GET US QUICKLY TO THE INSTALLATION OF A GOVERNMENT AND NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, I WOULD BE WILLING TO ENCOURAGE FLEXIBILITY IN THAT REGARD WITH THE PATRIOTIC FRONT AND WITH THE PRESIDENCY. I AM TO SEE THE PATRIOTIC FRONT AT 5:00 P.M. THIS AFTERNOON AND WILL TRY TO TOUCH BASE WITH THE PRESIDENT'S ADVISORS LATER THIS EVENING.

6. COMMENT: THE OUTLINES OF THE PRIME MINISTER'S EXPLANATION TRACK WITH PROPOSALS THAT HAVE BEEN UNDER DISCUSSION FOR OVER A WEEK, AND WITH WHAT WE HAD PREVIOUSLY LEARNED OF PRIVATE DISCUSSIONS. THE IDEA OF BRINGING THIS ALL HOME BY DEMOCRACY DAY IS ONE I SUGGESTED TO PRESIDENTIAL COUNSELOR RUHIGIRA ON 1/24. IT MIGHT HAPPEN, BUT WE HAVE BEEN THIS CLOSE

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BEFORE ONLY TO HAVE PARTIES BACK AWAY TO SECURE
ADVANTAGE.

7. MEANWHILE, AROUND THE CND IN AN UGLY CONFRONTATION
WITH RPF PROTECTIVE FORCES, THERE WAS A TRASHING OF
CARS AND SOME EXCHANGE OF GUNFIRE THIS A.M., EVEN AS
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EAC COMMITTEE MET TO REVIEW PREPAREDNESS PLANS
(DETAIL SEPTTEL). AMERICANS WERE IMMEDIATELY ALERTED
TO AVOID TROUBLE SPOTS; ALL AMERICANS ARE SAFE AND
CALM HAS RETURNED TO STREETS BY THIS AFTERNOON.

B. I AM URGING ALL PARTIES TO GET THE INSTITUTIONS
ESTABLISHED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO AS TO CREATE A
FRAMEWORK IN WHICH POLITICAL FERMENT MAY BE
CONTROLLED AND KEPT OUT OF THE STREETS. END COMMENT.

9. WE WILL KEEP PRESSING AND HOPING. RAWSON

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